

What Is Value?  
Hottentot Venus.  
Black Poppy, 100-Year Eggs.  
The \$17,000 Rooster.

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WHAT IS VALUE? An African savage will give thirty cows for a bride. A Hottentot will pay twice as much for a fat bride as for one half as fat. With you, perhaps, it would be just the other way.

The "Hottentot Venus," who died in Paris many years ago, and whose exact figure was preserved in wax or plaster, in the museum of the JARDIN DES PLANTES would surprise you if you could see it. Even a description would surprise you. It would take up too much space, as the lady herself does.

Her mother had fed her on camel's milk, stuffed her with it. Hottentot mothers stuff their young daughters as Strasburg farmers stuff geese, then the mothers marry them off at their fattest. The proudest bridegroom has the fattest bride. Our girls starve themselves, and freeze themselves.

A Persian ruler would give a big slice of his territory with thousands of inhabitants, if England would let him, in return for a big yellow diamond to stick in his headgear. A first-class Circassian beauty would bring her weight in solid silver at Constantinople, when the Turks had money, and might now, if England would let them buy and sell ladies openly.

The Chinese amateur will pay an extravagant price for a vase of a peculiar pink shade, like a peach blossom; then sit and look at it for hours. You might not give 30 cents for it, unless somebody happened to tell you what it was.

At one time, in Holland, a black poppy bulb was worth a fortune, although that flower is much more beautiful and interesting with the many marvelous colors that the sun lends to it.

Here you pay a dollar or more in winter for twelve eggs and console yourself with the thought that they are, perhaps, absolutely fresh. The Chinese mandarin will pay ten times the price for eggs dry or more years old, and consider them a great delicacy.

In the intestines of the sperm whale, that carries the big reservoir of valuable fat in its head, are found occasionally lumps of ambergris, a substance disagreeably connected with the bilious apparatus. He who finds a great lump of this absolutely worthless material in the inside of a whale or washed up on the shore has found a fortune.

The ignorant in the East attach great importance to it for use in medicine. Westerners use it in preparing perfume. Some have used it in flavoring food. Macaulay tells us in his "History of England" that the favorite dish of Charles the Second was eggs and ambergris.

Many in this country support themselves by digging ginseng root. It is sent to the Chinese, who pay extravagant prices for it, considering it the most valuable medicinal remedy in the world. To us it is absolutely useless. Perhaps its aromatic, stimulating properties help defend the Chinese against germs with which their insides are afflicted, thanks to lack of plumbing and decent sewerage. We laugh at the Chinese who sets such value on ginseng or on eggs older than himself.

What about the American who, having five or ten millions more than he can spend safely, works himself to death trying to get five or ten millions more?

When you have enough, gold is worth even less than ginseng. On a desert island, you might keep alive chewing a ginseng root. It would do you no good to chew gold.

When Macbeth made his second visit to the witches, they put into their hell broth, among other things, the following:  
Baboons' blood, fillet of a fenny snake, eye of newt and toe of frog, wool of bat and tongue of dog, adder's fork and blind worm's sting, lizard's leg and howlet's wing.

As late as Shakespeare's day many would have paid huge sums for such ingredients, in a witch broth to make power for themselves or trouble for others. They would have paid even more if they could have added, as Shakespeare does, a witch's mummy, maw and gulf of the ravin'd salt sea snail, and especially the "nose of Turk and Tartar's lips," and "finger of birth-strangled babe."

We of today know that there is not any special power in all that mixture. We would not pay 10 cents for it.

But many of us are paying many times 10 cents to well-meaning doctors for mixtures not more valuable, some of them much more harmful.

We know more than we used to. Thousands of years ago in Rome, on a high hill, they erected a temple to fever, with complimentary words on the front of it, and spent money trying to placate the evil power, FEVER, that killed so many for centuries.

The other day, a few scientific men, exposing themselves to danger, proved that if you kill mosquitoes that plant the fever in the blood of the Romans, you need no more FEVER.

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# ARMED MEN SET FIRE TO 8 DUBLIN TAX OFFICES

## French Troops To Occupy Right Bank of Rhine, Disregarding Allies

## GERMANS FEAR "HYPNOTIC LOVE" IS DEFENSE IN SLAYING CASE

### POILUS IN RUHR

Premier Millerand Says France Will Fight Unless Teuton Forces Evacuate.

### FORESEE MENACE TO SAFETY

Ebert to Be Notified That Refusal to Recall Soldiers May Mean Battle.

PARIS, April 4.—French troops will begin gradual occupation of the right bank of the Rhine within twenty-four hours, without awaiting approval of the other allies, it was learned today.

This occupation by French troops will continue until Germany stops sending troops into the Ruhr district. Germany has been notified of France's decision on this point, and unless withdrawal of German troops has begun within the allotted time it is feared clashes may ensue between French and German forces in the Ruhr district.

### Allies Are Ignored.

While the allies have been notified that France intends to take this action, it is stated their approval will not be necessary, as France considers presence of German rearmament in the Ruhr a menace to her national safety. As a result of the entrance of the rearmament troops into the western zone, where they captured Duisburg and reached the Rhine at Ruhrort, Premier Millerand has notified the German government that this was a violation of article 44 of the peace treaty and constitutes a hostile act. Germany will later be advised of France's decision to send troops to the right bank of the Rhine. Premier Millerand has already notified the other allied powers that France reserves the right to take immediate independent action should it be deemed necessary.

### REDS BATTLE GERMANS IN RUHR TERRITORY

By FRANK MASON.

BERLIN, April 4.—Another violent battle has broken out between German government troops and armed workers in the Ruhr district, according to a report received by telephone from Essen.

The workmen's army is said to have already suffered 800 casualties. The information came from the Central Soviet at Essen. According to this report, the rearmament opened a heavy bombardment against the rear of the red army, not only causing heavy losses, but cutting off the workers' retreat. The government's (Continued on Page 2, Column 4.)

### DOCTOR DENIES WOMAN TO BLAME FOR TRAGEDY

Mrs. Tabor Could Not Have Performed Operation Which Caused Death, Says Witness.

PAW PAW, Mich., April 4.—That Mrs. Sarah Tabor could not have performed the alleged illegal operation which is declared to have caused the death of her daughter, Mrs. Maude Tabor Virgo, was the chief testimony offered at a preliminary examination of Mrs. Tabor here by Dr. A. S. Warthin, of the University of Michigan.

He declared that if she had anything to do with the operation she must have had an accomplice.

### ALLIES AGAIN WARN TURKS TO DISAVOW NATIONALISTS

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 4.—The allies have handed a joint note to the Turkish government reiterating the demand that the Turkish government officially disavow the nationalist movement.

LONDON, April 4.—Reports reached the foreign office today that the Turkish government at Constantinople has again been reorganized, but there is no official confirmation of them.

## Slain Husband Held Her In Mystic Spell, Mrs. Cumming's Plea

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., April 4.—The strange story of a poor girl who was hypnotized into marriage with a wealthy Virginia attorney is to be told when Mrs. Mittie Jester Cumming goes on trial here tomorrow for the murder of her husband, S. Gordon Cumming.

The sworn testimony of Mrs. Cumming at the divorce proceedings in 1917, which states that her murdered husband took her to a hotel room and hypnotized her shortly after they met, is expected to be introduced by the defense in support of a plea of emotional insanity.

### Will Allege Cruelty.

The deposition also states that her husband treated her cruelly after the wedding. It reads in part: "Shortly after I met Mr. Cumming he took me to a hotel at Hampton. I asked the attendant there to get me another room, as I could not go to any other place that night. He said he only had one room vacant and that was next to Mr. Cumming's room. I took it."

"During the night he came in and hypnotized me. He seemed to have some strange power over me. Next morning he called for a physician." A petition filed in the Virginia Supreme Court, when Mrs. Cumming's appeal of the divorce decree granted her husband, stated:

In 1908, at the age of twenty-two, Mrs. Cumming met S. Gordon Cumming. She had no experience with the world—was unlettered and modest of station. Mr. Cumming was a man of prominence and importance, able and attractive, and much above her station in life. Mrs. Cumming fell in love with him and yielded herself to him.

"After four years of intimacy a child was born—the boy Kenneth. Besides these two transcripts the defense intends to offer a recognized copy of the testimony at her cross-examination in which she stated that Cumming had 'hypnotized' her and 'took her to go with him on several occasions.'"

Governor Davis of Virginia recently designated Judge R. Carter Scott, of Richmond, to preside at the trial. Judge Clarence W. Robinson, of Newport News, who was expected to sit at the trial, requested the governor to appoint another jurist "in view of the close personal relations which existed between him and Mr. Cumming."

Mrs. Cumming is said to have shot and killed her husband here several months ago.

## Mrs. Crane Preparing Summer White House For Use of President

WOODS HOLE, Mass., April 4.—Mrs. Charles R. Crane, owner of the house which President Wilson will use as the summer White House, has arrived here, and under her watchful eye the preparations for the President's coming are going on.

Mrs. Crane and her son made a tour of the estate, and afterward congratulated Albert C. Swain, superintendent of the grounds, for his year's efforts in making the place so attractive for the summer of 1920.

Quaint old Cape Cod is busy these spring days "trimming ship" to be ready on June 15 to become the center of Government and politics of the United States.

News that President Wilson had selected the beautiful 150-acre estate of Charles R. Crane, on Juniper Point here, as the "Summer White House" sent a thrill around the long arm of the picturesque peninsula.

And Cape Codders are determined that the President shall decide he made no mistake in coming among New England folks to find rest and health in the bracing salt air of the southern Massachusetts seaboard.

Already Albert C. Swain, caretaker of the Crane estate, has renovated the place, so that the lawns are in perfect condition.

## Kiss Brought on Strike Of 12,000 Rail Workers

ROANOKE, Va., April 5.—Not since Paris planted the historic kiss on the lips of Helen of Troy and precipitated the Trojan war has such a muss been caused by an osculatory salutation as at present confronts the Norfolk and Western railway.

A clerk named Brady, a married man, kissed a Miss Emanuelson "just for fun." Both are members of unions. W. T. Divers, chief time-keeper and a nonunion man, joked about it. Union members declared Divers ought to be discharged. The railway officials refused. Twelve thousand union clerks, shopmen, trainmen, and brakemen were called out as a result.

Although the strike of clerks, shopmen, brakemen, trainmen, and others was supposed to have been settled Friday, the men had not returned to work yesterday afternoon.

The union members insist that Divers be discharged before they will return to work. At a hearing held by the officials' clerks testified that while Divers was an excellent workman he was too harsh and ungentlemanly in his behavior. A Miss McGhee, also a member of the union, declared that Divers had spoken harshly to her and caused her to cry.

In regard to the original kissing incident, the clerks declared that Divers' remarks had been such as to constitute a reflection on the young woman.

### DELAWARE WILL PASS SUFFRAGE, LEADERS SAY

DOVER, DEL., April 4.—The women of America will vote in the Presidential election this year if the predictions of Delaware leaders of both parties comes true.

Headed by Gov. John G. Townsend and Alfred I. Dupon, leader in Sussex county, politicians openly preface a victory for the suffrage amendment when the State assembly convenes this week. The Sussex delegation, whose votes defeated the amendment's adoption early last week, are now pledged to suffrage.

### CARRANZA IS URGED TO RECEIVE MARTENS

HERMOSILLO, Mexico, April 4.—The Communist party in Mexico City has petitioned President Carranza to receive "Soviet Ambassador" Martens when the latter is deported from the United States, according to a dispatch published today by El Heraldo.

Recognition of the Russian soviet government "by his acceptance" would be "a wonderful step toward cementing the friendship of two great republics whose common interests are along the same lines," the petition states.

### COL. GREENFIELD DIES.

NEW YORK, April 4.—Col. Edwin Truman Greenfield, electrical inventor and widely known as the first superintendent of the Bell telephone system, is dead at his home here. He was seventy-three years old. He was born in Middletown, Conn.

## The Original Easter Story

Christianity's Greatest News Event As Reported

By ST. MATTHEW.

In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalen, and the other Mary to see the sepulcher.

And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow; and for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

And the angel answered and said unto the women:

"Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."

"And go quickly, and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead; and behold, He goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see Him; lo, I have told you."

And they departed quickly from the sepulcher with fear and great joy; and did run to bring His disciples word.

## AMERICAN EXODUS FROM MEXICO IS BEGUN

NOGALES, Ariz., April 4.—Americans have begun an exodus from the State of Sonora, Mexico, as revolutionary activities become more pronounced in that country today.

Heavy forces of Mexican troops are massing along the railway and other strategic points, according to reports brought here by Americans leaving Mazatlan, Hermosillo, and other points.

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PARIS, April 4.—A passion play which many eventually surpass the famous Oberammergau production, will be given at Nancy today.

The man who will have the role of Christ is a clerk in a store at Nancy and well known to thousands of American doughboys who made purchases there during the war. The play was arranged by Abbe Petit.

The performance will last five hours, with intermission permitting the spectators to dine and then return.

Boils Not Sufficient Cause for Annulment of Marriage, Court Rules

NEW YORK, April 4.—Boils, while unpleasant, are not in themselves sufficient cause for divorce, or annulment of marriage, it has been decided by Supreme Court Justice Lyden in refusing Mrs. Regina Strausman an annulment.

Mrs. Strausman wanted her marriage to Samuel Strausman annulled because he hadn't told her he had boils before marriage. She also alleged that Samuel had refrained from mentioning that he had previously been divorced. The court decided there had been no fraud.

Insomnia Flees When His Discs Begin Work, Says London Inventor

LONDON, April 4.—A sure cure for insomnia, composed of two discs that revolve in opposite directions, has been invented by James Bray, who claims it will put the most wakeful person in the land of slumber in fifteen minutes. The mechanism is to be hung just above the bed where the sleeper can see the discs in action.

## JAPAN'S AMS PUZZLE WORLD

Chancelleries Set Guessing As to When Japanese Will Evacuate Siberia.

### RE-ENFORCING HIS ARMIES

Withdrawal Hinges on Number of "Howevers" in Note to State Department.

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS, International News Service.

Once again the Japanese government has set the chancelleries of the world to guessing. This time it is over her intentions regarding Siberia, and when, if ever, the Japanese troops will be withdrawn from that part of Asia.

### Stress "However" Clause.

Advices reaching the State Department today from Tokyo stated the dispatch of Japanese troops to Siberia had for its purpose the "assistance" of the Czech-Slovaks, and that those troops will be withdrawn as soon as the Czech-Slovaks are withdrawn.

"However"—and the "however" is taken from the declaration as quoted from Tokyo, where it was published in the official gazette of the government—"However," the geographical relations of the empire with Siberia differ from those of other powers.

As soon as the political conditions in the territory adjacent to our country settle down, and as soon as the menace to Manchuria and Korea has been removed, the empire will provide the Czech-Slovaks have been completely withdrawn.

State Department officials refused to comment upon the announcement, but elsewhere students of the situation profess to see further international complications germinating in the always fertile fields of the Orient.

The Japanese occupation of Siberia has been, from the commencement, a matter of considerable mystery. About the time of the armistice, Great Britain, France, the United States and Japan agreed to aid the Czech-Slovaks, who had been sent

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## WOMEN OBJECT TO GIVING UP SMOKES

Ukase Issued By Cumming Declaring Morale Is Undermined Brings Protest.

NEW YORK, April 4.—Surgeon General Hugh S. Cumming, of the United States public health service, issued a ukase from Washington yesterday telling the women of the country to stop smoking cigarettes, which promptly stirred a hornet's nest in New York. Two prominent New York physicians responded to the women who indulge in the leaf by advising them to go ahead and light another one.

Surgeon General Cumming said smoking by women lowered the morale of the nation and spoiled the collective complexion.

Dr. Menas B. Gregory, head of the Psychopathic ward at Bellevue Hospital, and Dr. A. L. Goldwater, drug specialist, said it did nothing of the sort, and that tea and coffee drinking was quite as bad as cigarette smoking.

Dr. Gregory said any drug taken to excess was harmful. Dr. Goldwater said many people were smoking these days because they could not drink.

"Tobacco smoking," he added, "is not an unmitigated evil in any sense. In many cases a few whiffs afford a great relief and may be the means of avoiding much greater harm in the form of nervous breakdowns. Although I do not smoke myself, occasionally I suggest it to some of my nervous and high-strung women patients."

NEW YORK-ROME AIR LINE IS PROPOSED BY ITALIAN

NEW YORK, April 4.—A regular passenger and freight service by air between Rome and New York within a few hours is proposed by Gianni Caproni, aviator and inventor of the biplane that bears his name, who arrived yesterday from Italy on the steamship Giuseppe Verdi.

Caproni described a huge triplane which he has just completed for that purpose.

## LIEBE CABINET IN DENMARK QUILTS IN BODY

COPENHAGEN, April 4.—Under instructions from King Christian, the Liebe cabinet resigned in a body today.

The action of the sovereign in dissolving the cabinet prevented the threatened general strike.

It was announced that a new cabinet would be formed immediately for the purpose of pushing the new election bill.

Forty thousand workers and Socialists made a sensational demonstration here yesterday, when they marched to the King's palace, shouting "Down with the King!" and "Long live the republic!"

The crowd sang the "Marschallise" and revolutionary songs.

King Christian consented to receive a deputation from the Socialists and trade unionists, and a conference was begun last night. The dissolving the cabinet followed.

## IRISH PICKETS SCOUT ARREST

Deny They Called Off Demonstration At Embassy for Fear of Jail.

The women and girls who have been picketing the British embassy and staging other demonstrations in the Capital for Irish freedom, rested on their oars today. They remained at headquarters in the Lafayette Hotel planning an Easter Monday "surprise."

Leaders of the women denied emphatically that they had ceased to picket the British embassy because of the protests of Secretary of State Taft. They declared there would be further demonstrations, regardless of police intervention.

"Our whole plan has been to use the week commemorating the Crucifixion as an opportunity to arouse interest in preventing crucifixion of the Irish," declared Miss Katherine O'Brennan. "We are not through yet."

The State Department is continuing its inquiry into picketing. Police Captain Robert E. Doyle, in whose district the British embassy is located, read the picketers an opinion rendered in the days when William Taft, Secretary of State, was in office. Captain Doyle believes it may have dissuaded them from renewing their activities tomorrow.

Text of Opinion.

The opinion, drawn up by the Attorney General in 1854, reads as follows:

"The United States, like any other nation is responsible for the safety of diplomats and is also bound to see that proper respect is shown them. Any demonstration against them or their flag or their residence is a disrespect which no civilized government can allow. Any person attempting to show or make such demonstrations are guilty of disorderly conduct, and the police authorities are charged with the authority to restrain them."

"We did not come to Washington (Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)

## U. S. TESTING WIRELESS CONTROL OF WARSHIPS

Dreadnaughts Ohio and Idaho Equipped With Apparatus—Will Conduct Experiments.

NORFOLK, Va., April 4.—To begin experiments for the control of warships by wireless at sea, the battleships Ohio and Idaho will spend several weeks at sea, beginning Tuesday.

The Ohio is now taking on coal preparatory to sailing from this port. The Idaho is sailing from New York. Both ships have been equipped with the most modern and the most powerful wireless apparatus in the world.

Marine oscillators were installed on the Ohio, and the Idaho. It is said here, has been similarly equipped. It is proposed to control the movement of these sea fighters absolutely by wireless. A man on shore can tell by a touch of his key just how fast the two ships are proceeding, their exact locations, their distance from shore, and the direction in which they are sailing.

The tests are said to be of the utmost importance, and they are being watched by practically every nation in the world.

## IRISH OUTWIT BRITISH GUARD

Incendiary Torch Applied to Government Buildings and Destroy Records.

## MILITARY CAMP IN STREETS

City Virtually Under Martial Law With Troops Picketing Entrances.

DUBLIN, April 4.—The first organized demonstration against the British government on the anniversary of the 1916 Sinn Fein uprising occurred early today, when eight income tax offices were set on fire simultaneously.

In one case armed men held up the caretaker at rifle points while they started the fire.

Fire fighters were inadequate to cope with the flames, and efforts of the soldiers were futile.

Military Activity.

In many cases the flames had made great headway, and little hope was held that they would be brought under control.

All files in reference to income taxes were destroyed.

There was considerable military activity in Dublin today. Three hundred British troops formed a circle in Parnell Square. No reason was assigned for this concentration, and civilians were kept at a distance from the troops.

Another civilian was found mysteriously murdered on the outskirts of the city today. He had a soldier's pass bearing the name Laurence McKenna.

### Camped in Dublin.

A cordon of British troops were camped around Dublin today, and the city was in a virtual state of siege. The soldiers surrounding the city were placed at an average distance of four miles from the outskirts. It was clear they were prepared for any eventuality. Tanks and machine guns were placed in strategic positions. Barbed wire entanglements were placed across all entrances to the city. Troops were also stationed at hundreds of central points within the city proper.

Travelers in automobiles and pedestrians were carefully examined before allowed to go to or from the city. Interurban cars were detained until the military authorities had satisfied themselves the passengers were unarmed.

### Officials Prisoners.

The troops guarding Dublin are composed of crack English youths, carrying full equipment, including ammunition, trench helmets and bayonets. Rumors were current that there had been shooting at Mt. Joy prison, where a number of Sinn Fein prisoners are held.

Newspapers issued extra editions announcing the city surrounded by troops. This only served to heighten the tension at Dublin Castle. High government officials were virtually prisoners in their castle, which had all the appearances of a fortress.

Sir John Taylor, under secretary for Ireland, was red-eyed and nervous today. He declared he had not ventured from the castle in four months, as he feared he had been marked for death.

### Concealed Machine Guns.

When the correspondent went to the castle to interview Taylor, it was necessary to be accompanied by police escort. Entrance to the castle grounds was almost impossible. In front of the castle were two tanks ready for action and a fleet of motor trucks ready for emergencies. On each was mounted a concealed machine gun protecting the entrance to the castle.

Taylor has been in charge here since Ian MacPherson's resignation. Taylor admitted he would be greatly relieved if he were transferred from his present post to one more congenial.

Reports reaching Dublin today indicated that cattle driving had recommenced on an extensive scale. Eighteen hundred Sinn Fein men participated in driving cattle from the fields in the counties of Galway and Roscommon.

Great significance was attached to the fact that Field Marshal Robertson (Continued on Page 2, Column 6.)

## AFRICAN FREEDOM NEAR, DECLARES BOER CHIEF

LONDON, April 4.—"Freedom for Africa is not far off," General De Wet, former Boer leader, was quoted as saying in a speech at Pretoria, according to a Reuter dispatch from that city today.

He added: "We must remain steadfast to obtain our freedom. It is impossible for us to love the Union Jack."